

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action mailed December 21, 2004, with a shortened statutory period of three months set to expire March 21, 2005. Claims 1-69 are currently pending. With this amendment, claims 1-69 are amended.

The Examiner objected to the specification stating that the headings were bolded. Applicants have amended the heading so that they are not bolded. Therefore, this objection is believed to be overcome.

Applicants have amended the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section to include serial numbers and filing dates for the related applications.

Applicants have amended the claims to describe receiving the queue criteria to perform a directory search. The query criteria include information that is included in the directory database. A search is executed of the directory database using the queue criteria to produce a first result. The directory database includes static information and does not include dynamically updated contact information. The directory database is a list of names and addresses of potential recipients.

A dynamic contact information service is invoked using the first result to search an electronic calendaring system to produce a second result for each recipient included in the first result. The second result contains dynamic contact information that is dynamically updated to indicate a recipient's current contact information and current availability that describe how the recipient can be currently contacted. The first and second results are coalesced to produce a coalesced result.

Some examples of support for these amendments can be found in the specification on page 9, line 15 through page 11, line 15.

The Examiner objected to claims 59-60 because of informalities. Applicants have corrected the typographical error. Therefore, this objection is believed to be overcome.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0116336 published by *Diacakis*. This rejection, as it might be applied to the claims as amended, is respectfully traversed on the grounds that the reference does not show every element of the claimed invention.

The Federal Circuit has stated,

A prior art reference anticipates the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102 only if every element of a claimed invention is identically shown in that single reference, arranged as they are in the claims. *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 832, 15 U.S.P.Q.2d 1566, 1567 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

The rejection will be discussed with respect to the claim 1 but it applies to independent claims 24 and 47 as well.

Claim 1, as amended, recites in part,

1. (Amended): A method in a computer system for providing both directory information and dynamically updated contact information for at least one of a plurality of entities in response to a directory search, said method comprising: ...

executing a search of said directory database that comprises static information and does not comprise dynamically updated contact information utilizing said query criteria to produce a first result, said directory database being a list of names and addresses of potential recipients (Emphasis added)

The Examiner states that *Diacakis* teaches,

receiving a query criteria (see figure 4, where "query criteria" is read on "presence information" and "availability information")¹.

This information taught by *Diacakis* is information that describes whether a person can currently be contacted at a particular device. This information is not a "query criteria" as claimed by Applicants "to perform a directory search", where the directory database "comprises static information and does not comprise dynamically updated contact information". The "presence information" and "availability information" taught by *Diacakis* in Figure 4 do not read on Applicants' "query criteria". The presence and availability information include dynamically updated information. Therefore, *Diacakis* does not anticipate independent claims 1, 24 and 47 and the claims that depend therefrom.

The Examiner states that *Diacakis* teaches,

executing a search of a directory database utilizing the query criteria to produce a first result (see figure 8, where "first result" is read on "Contacts Program");².

The names listed in the contacts program of Figure 8 are not a first result as taught by Applicants. Figure 8 depicts the results for a particular subscriber. This particular

¹ Office action, page 4, lines 1-6

² Office action, page 4, lines 7-8

subscriber has subscribed to a service whereby the contact information for a particular individual will be sent to the subscriber. According to Figure 8, the subscriber has subscribed to this service for nine individuals. Thus, the contact information for these nine individuals is sent to the subscriber and displayed to the subscriber as Figure 8.

The "first result" claimed by Applicants is produced by searching "a directory database that includes static information and does not include dynamically updated contact information" and where the directory database is "a list of names and addresses of potential recipients". The names listed in the contacts program of *Diacakis* are produced by pushing that information to the subscriber's computer system. The names listed in the contacts program are not the result of a directory search. Nothing conducted any type of search to produce the list of names in the contacts program. The information in Figure 8 was pushed to the subscriber's computer because the subscriber subscribed to the service to receive that information for each particular individual. See page 4, paragraph 0048.

Diacakis does not teach executing a search of a directory database using the query criteria to produce a first result. Therefore, *Diacakis* does not anticipate independent claims 1, 24 and 47 and the claims that depend therefrom.

The Examiner states that *Diacakis* teaches,

invoking a dynamic contact information service utilizing the first result to produce a second result containing dynamic contact information, the dynamic contact information being dynamically updated to indicate current contact information (see figure 8, where "second result" is read on "Contact Properties")³

The contact properties are displayed for a particular individual when a user selects one of the names from the contacts program page. Applicants claim invoking a dynamic contact information service using the first result to search an electronic calendaring system to produce a second result.

The contact properties displayed in Figure 8 of *Diacakis* are not a first result as discussed above.

Further, the list of individuals in the contact program is not used to produce the result in the contact properties. According to Applicants' claims, as cited above, there are two searches, one of a "directory database" and the results used to search an

³ Office action, page 4, lines 9-12

"electronic calendaring system". *Diacakis* does not teach two separate searches. The subscriber subscribes to a service to receive contact information about a particular individual. The subscriber could subscribe to receive contact information about more than one individual. No search is performed here. The subscriber simply indicates the individual that the subscriber wishes to receive contact information about. The P&A server 12 then transmits contact information to the subscriber about these individuals.

Therefore, the list of individuals in the contact program was not produced as a result of a search. Further, the information in the contact properties is not produced as a result of a search of an electronic calendaring system using the results of the first search. This is because there was no first search, and thus no results of the first search.

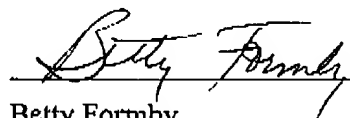
Applicants also claim the second result includes contact information about each recipient that was included in the first search. Even if the contact program section is believed to be the result of a first search, the contact properties section of Figure 8 of *Diacakis* does not include information about each recipient that is listed in the contact program section.

Diacakis does not teach invoking a dynamic contact information service utilizing the first result to search an electronic calendaring system to produce a second result containing dynamic contact information for each recipient included in the first result. Therefore, *Diacakis* does not anticipate independent claims 1, 24 and 47 and the claims that depend therefrom.

Applicants' claims are believed to be in a patentable form. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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